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FIVE CENTS.

HELD IN CONTEMPT DEATH SENT IN BOX OROZCO AT EL PASO

Stenographer of Lorimer Woman Is Killed When In- General Enters Into Confer-Committee in Custody.

STIR AT NIGHT SESSION MYSTERY SHROUDS CRIME SITUATION IS DISCUSSED

Notes as Faked.

SUDDENLY LEAVES THE ROOM GIRL FRIEND ALSO IS HELD ORDER FROM CAPT. HUGHES

Angry When Objection Is Made to No Tangible Clue to Planner of In- Ban on International Traffic Prob-His Sitting Next to Attorney Hynes.

A night session which the Senate Special Dispatch to The Star. Lorimer committee was holding came to a sensational close last evening, when its official stenographer, Milton Blumen-Blumenberg was placed in custody of the Senate sergeant-at-arms for production before the committee tomorrow.

This was preceded by a dramatic denunciation by Blumenberg of the ste- mutilated. nographic notes made by J. E. Sheridan, witness stand, as "fa...d" ported to have been recorded from a phonographic reproduction of the alleged admission by Charles McGowan at To- police on a charge of homicide. ronto that he swore falsely before the

Blumenberg, in an excited state, pro-cured Sheridan's notebook. After in-cured Sheridan's notebook. After inspecting it, he whispered to Edward messenger delivery boy. Hines and, stepping in front of the nineteen-year-old witness, addressed the committee. He said he had examined Sheridan's notes and was prepared to denounce them as a "fake."

Questioned by Senator Jones.

"What do you mean by that?" demanded Senator Jones, who was pre-

"I mean they have been manufactured made as it took place."

"Oh, you are mistaken about that," declared young Sheridan. Senators Jones, Lea and Kenyon, the

Jones demanded.

"It seems not, when every one is told and long-time friend of Miss Taylor. except members of the committee.'

Tells of Quizzing Sheridan.

gestion he appeared. He replied it was according to Dickinson, his employer of his own volition. He told of quizzing told him that they wished him to take Sheridan early in the day about his steno- charge of a branch of their business in graphic training, and expressed the opinion that Sheridan was unable to make an While members of the committee con-

ferred Blumenberg took a seat beside Attorney Hynes, representing Mr. Hines. Attorney Healy, for the committee, asked that the record show that the official stenographer had taken a seat beside counsel for Mr. Hines. Senator Jones immediately sent word to Blumenberg, who arose, stated excitedly he had been re-quested to leave the room, and told his stenographer to quit work. Senator Jones explained he had merely requested Blumenberg to change his seat. Blumenberg then left the room

Confusion prevailed. Capitol policemen appeared at various doors, the assistant sergeant-at-arms was sent for, and finally the committee went into executive session, at which Blumenberg was adjudged in contempt, and placed in the hands of the sergeant-at-arms. All persons were warned that an attempt to regarded as contempt.

Committee Adjourns.

The committee, witch had planned to finish last night the examination of all the door. the private detectives in regard to the McGowan matter, the adjourned until

Testimony designed to corroborate the account of how Charles McGowan, a leged to have admitted at Toronto Jan- blinding explosion and the woman fell uary 6 that he was paid for testifying full length on the floor bleeding from falsely before the committee was presented yesterday afternoon to the com- Deikinson a stinging blow on the ear.

Bailey, and J. E. Sheridan, the ste- and seeing that she was desperately nographer who claims he operated a wounded, rushed out of the house and phonographic apparatus at the Toronto next door to the office of Dr. Charles E. conversation, testified after Bailey con- Perkins, who followed him back onto the

in almost the precise words used by been shattered. Dr. Perkins notified the Bailey. Whether the men gathered in police by telephone that the woman was the room and ordered one round of dead. beer perplexed Kerr. member things a month back,"

gested Senator Fletcher. Bailey had the glass of the front windows and up unions will immediately seek permission said they had several rounds of beer. "How does it happen you remember so easily this conversation, but don't remember other things?" inquired Sen-"I paid especial attention to what was

Love at First Sight.

"Didn't you think McGowan was rather easy to talk so freely to you the first time he met you?" asked Senator

him and do still.' "Love at first sight!" snapped Senator "Have you been drinking today?" asked Attorney Hynes, in beginning his cross-

"I think he liked me. I know I liked

Kerr said he "had a bottle of beer for During the cross-examination Senator Jones called attention to Kerr's state-

ment that within an hour after making McGowan's acquaintance at Toronto he was calling him "Charlie. "Before an hour," replied Kerr, bluntly the phonograph account showing Kerr

When Kerr's attention was called to said Hines was so crooked he could not lie in bed straight Senator Jones asked why he didn't repeat that when he first! began the account of the conversation to

"I am doing the best I can." J. E. Sheridan, the stenographer, was The negro is in the county jail, which Taormina is crowded with tourists, all of questioned sharply as to why he recorded is heavily guarded. only part of the conversation. He denied At 11 o'clock last night, while a young close a point of vantage as can be at he was instructed to omit parts of the white woman was returning home from tained with safety, conversation, but said he did leave out her work she was waylaid by a negro, It is not known yet whether the erup-

fernal Machine Explodes.

Charged With Homicide.

sidious Murder in High-Class

New York Apartment.

NEW YORK, February 3.-An infernal machine, contained in an oblong flat box, which had held 100 cigarettes, was 11 o'clock tonight, came directly to El handed to Mrs. Howard Walker, wife of Paso, and went into conference with Col. berg was adjudged in contempt for order- a traveling electrical salesman, known by E. Z. Steever, commanding the American ing his stenographers to cease work. her stage name of Miss Grace Taylor, at the door of her apartment on the first floor of 103 West 77th street, this evening. It exploded while the young woman was announced that traffic between the two opening the wrappings and she was al- cities would be resumed tomorrow, but most instantly killed and frightfully this depends on Col. Steever, command-

street, and secretary to the chief en- international border. Col. Steever says gineer of the United States Motor Com- he will raise the ban on international and "manufactured." The notes pur- pany, an automobile concern at 3 West old street, was the only person in the apartment besides Miss Taylor at the time of the explosion. He is held by the Dickinson claims he did not see the person who delivered the deadly package. It was de ivered by the front door of the Throughout the day Blumenberg had high-class apartment house where Miss peered over Sheridan's shoulder as the Taylor has lived but three weeks, but currences in Juarez, and adds: witness read from his notes. Last night, immediately after the session began, then the bell of Miss Taylor's apartment then the bell of Miss Taylor's apartment.

Dickinson Her Admirer.

bomb by Miss Taylor and its explosion s given by Dickinson. He, too, has fur- their chief." nished the police with the history of admirer and constant visitor for several months.

New York several years ago seeking employment on the stage, and took the stage name of Grace Taylor. She appeared in several productions, but failed in her ambitions as an actress and has been out about the notes. Blumenberg named Mr. Hines, Attorney Hynes, Miss Lawher with harboring a minor because a that he would be reimbursed. The Juarez bank officials officially that no money has "You did not communicate with a the fine, according to the police, was paid from them. rest, rented the apartment on the first floor of 103 West 77th street, through the "Oh, they are not the most important there to live with Ella Lamarre, who de-

Patch Up Their Quarrel. The two women lived very quietly and Blumenberg was asked at whose sug- had but few callers. A few days ago, Dayton, Ohio, and when he told Miss day reported that troops were sent from Taylor that he was to leave the city she objected to the plan and they had a quarrel. About four days ago the quarrel was patched up and this afternoon turned to Chihuahua. The passenger train pickinson called Miss Taylor by tele-phone and asked permission to visit her. She consented and he went to the house where he chatted with Miss Taylor and went on board, having sent a telegram Miss Lamarre until about 5 o'clock, when Miss Lamarre said she would go to be held until they could come and tirely all his work for a fortnight.

out and do some shopping. After Miss Lamarre's departure, according to Dicknson, the subject of his coming departure was again brought up and he again found himself in disfavor, but tried to joke with Miss Taylor and reconile her to the plan. Shortly before 6 o'clock the bell at the river, gave formal notice to the Mexican

asked her. "Never mind what it is. I don't want you to see it," she is alleged to have re-"Get out of the room while I open it," and Dickinson says she pushed him into morning from the Secretary of War in-an adjoining room, but only half closed structing him to notify authorities in

hat is that?" Dickinson said

Doctor Notifies Police.

Dickinson says a moment later he peeped through the door just as Miss Taylor, with a look of horr, on her investigation witness, was al- face, uttered a scream. Then there was a many wounds. A piece of wadded paper like a part of a giant firecracker struck As soon as he recovered from the shock II. E. Kerr of Detroit, a "brass ex- of the explosion Dickinson claims he and friend of Detective A. C. went to the side of the prostrate woman, apartment. Smoke was curling out of the front windows where the glass had

Pieces of the steel casing of the ma- arsenal. Looks as if you people and Burns chine were driven almost through Miss failed to remember several things that Taylor's body and a great wound torn in happened in the last fifteen days; I re- her breast. Other pieces of steel were sug- driven into the celling and others through meeting in Rock Island last night. Local against the wails of the buildings on the from the national organization to walk opposite side of the street. Miss Lamarre, when she returned, was also taken to the station house and ques-

tioned. The police declined to state whether she had given them any tangible clue to the identity of the person wno conceived the plan of murder, or who might have delivered the infernal machine. A fragment of the machine found by the police bore Miss Taylor's address in typewriting. Miss Taylor is said to have a sister liv-

ing in the city, and she will also be ques-

Macon Mob Bent on Violence Eruption Exceeds in Violence That Against a Suspected

Negro.

MACON, GA., February 4.-A mob is ashes are issuing from the crater tonight organizing here at 12:30 o'clock this and further violent eruptions are feased. morning, bent on lynching Frank Powers, The temperature has reached summer "Well, I'm no orator," was the reply, a negro, alleged to have attacked a white heat in this city, thirty miles away; woman shortly before midnight.

ence With Col. Steever.

Blumenberg Denounces' Sheridan's Admirer, in Her Room at the Time, Mutineers Warned Not to Fire Into American Territory.

ably Will Be Raised in

Near Future.

EL PASO, Tex., February 3.-Gen. Pascual Orozco reached Juarez shortly after troops here.

El Paso street car officials tonight er of the American troops, granting Charles M. Dickinson of 36 West 61st permission to Americans to cross the traffic as soon as he is assured that

Orozco Expresses Regret. In his telegram to Col. Augustin

Estrada, military commander at Juarez, Gen. Orozco expresses regret at the oc-"The time has come in which all true patriots should endeavor to restore or-

"Show this telegram to your officers and troops, so that they may know I am The only account of the receipt of the en route with the hope that my old comrades will listen to the advice of

A second warning to the Juarez Miss Taylor, whom, he says, he has mutineers not to fire into American ter-known since she was a child in Spokane, was transmitted this morning. Wash., and confesses himself her The warning was signed by Capt. John H. Hughes, commanding the Rangers, and was transmitted in the Miss Taylor's real name was Grace name of Gov. Colquitt. Col. Estrada re-Walker, and she was about thirty-two plied to Capt. Hughes, informing him and are not the report of a conversation, years old and quite pretty. She came to that if there was a battle, "which is not place in the city, but east of Juarez. money on deposit with the Juarez cusonly members present, questioned him. of employment for some time, but has American customs broker, was taken lie was asked to whom he had talked always lived well. Several weeks ago this morning by Col. Estrada to pay the West 60th street. She was fined \$50, and officially that no money has been taken

Stalled Trains Arrive.

Mexican Central trains that were stalled by the burning of bridges by the Juarez mutineers arrived today. They brought no troops and leaders of the revolt state that none will be sent, as the Chihuahua garrison is needed at home. The order forbidding Americans to cross to the Mexican side unless pro-

The crew of the first train arriving to-Chihuanua Thursday night toward Juarez, met them going back last night. Officers and fifty armed men of the mutineers met the incoming train at Samalayuca and down the line last night for the train plete rest. He has decided to drop eninspect the troops.

Notice From Col. Steever.

Col. E. Z. Steever, commanding the door of the apartment rang. Miss Taylor government today through Mexican consmall and neatly wrapped package in her sul Llorente in El Paso that he would take such steps as he deemed necessary he to protect American interests if there ast May, when bullets fired in Juarez during the battle killed and wounded citizens of El Paso. Col. Steever received his orders this morning from the Secretary of War in-Juares to prevent firing into United

Six Hundred Federal Workmen at Rock Island Balk at Taylor System.

hundred union employes of the Rock the so-called Taylor shop system at the

This announcement was made this afternoon. The action was taken at a secret

The War Department is determined to continue its test of a system of scientific management at the Rock Island arsenal. Officers are confident that the workmen will not strike when they understand the object in view. Brig. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, yesterday instructed the officer in charge of the Rock Island arsenal, to make plain to the employes the government's intention not to use the system in any way to tioned about the young woman's affairs. their disadvantage. "Select men of reliable character for inaugurating it and in sufficiently small

MOUNT ETNA ACTIVE AGAIN. of Last September.

numbers to permit full explanation," was

one of the instructions.

Special Cablegram to The Star. ROME, February 3.-Mount Etna broke forth shortly before noon today in an eruption exceeding in violence that of last September. Great clouds of smoke and whom are viewing the spectacle from as sections because he regarded them as im-majorial pankment, robbed and assaulted. the old ones.



LA FOLLETTE CANCELS DATES FOR FORTNIGHT

Yields to Advice of Friends to Take a Complete Rest.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, on the verge of a physical breakdown, has canceled all his speaking engagements for the next two weeks, at Trenton, Jersey City and elsewhere, and will seek a com-

Miss Mary La Follette, who yesterday the engines, the British steamer Con- a short time. successfully underwent a serious opera- sols of Liverpool, with a valuable cargo the senator from Wisconsin, it was stated all possible speed to Hampton roads. last night. But assurances were given After wireless reports told the Conthat a short rest would restore Senator sols was aftre and needed assistance the La Follette to health. Miss La Follette, vessel was picked up by the British who is at Providence Hospital, was re- steamer Castle Eden, from Savannah, ported to be getting along well last night. bound to Danish ports. The United Senator La Follette will remain in Wash- States battleship New Jersey, en route ington for several days on account of his northward from Guantanamo, was near daughter, it is expected, though he may when the vessel was picked up, and sent seek rest elsewhere if she continues to word by wireless of the rescue. The

Chairman Houser's Statement.

publican campaign committee, in charge of Senator La Follette's campaign for President, last night gave out the fol- gated, and the men were in peril. lowing statement in regard to the senator's physical condition:

"In addition to the senator's official energy, his campaign work, and the strain upon his nervous system incident to the necessity for a critical surgical operation upon one of his children simply overtaxed even his almost superhuman powers of endurance. "For some time his friends have urged

to strike in case the government installs prevailed upon him to yield to their solici-"I want to assure his friends through-

alarming in his condition. As above Castle Eden. stated, he reached and overstepped the limit of human endurance. "Senator La Follette has worked unremittingly for years without rest or vacacould indefinitely endure such overdraft on his strength. His physicians assure him that a short rest will fully restore his health.'

> The Star will be glad to have its attention cared to any misleading or untrue statement, if such should appear at any time in any advertisement in its col-

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FLEE FIRE ON SHIP POTOMAC PARK SITE FOR Crew of British Steamer Con-

sols Saved From Roasting.

BLAZING VESSEL IN TOW

Floating Furnace Being Rushed to Hampton Roads to Save Her Hull.

NORFOLK, February 3.-With a fire mission in the executive offices of the Anxiety over the health of his daughter, crew could not stoke the boilers or man New Jersey's message said the Consols' crew had abandoned their vessel and gone on board the Castle Eden, because the fire had made such heaway that

the buring steamer could not be navi-The Consols was discovered afire off coast, early today. Wireless messages Bodie Island, on the North Carolina work, which, in view of the pending sent the revenue cutter Onondaga to trust and tariff legislation in which he find the distressed vessel. The cutter is intensely interested, has made a had not reached the Consols when the severe draft upon his strength and Castle Eden took the burning ship in tow.

Flames Shoot High in Air.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., February 3 .-Capt. Thomle of the Norwegian steamer upon him the necessity for a temporary Texas, which arrived here today, sighted and absolute rest. They at least have the burning steamer at 9 o'clock, with the Special Dispatch to The Star. prevailed upon him to yield to their solici-tations, and he finally has vanceled his tations, and he finally has vanceled his and immediately flashed a wireless to that the employers have broken the platform adopted by the republican natations, and he many has valued two and immediately flashed a wireless to that the employers have broken the platform adopted by the republican nationing it, and ultimately in paying for taining it, and ultimately in paying for will drop all work to take a Norfolk. At that time the ship was a pledges they made to settle the walk- tional convention of 1968." veritable furnace and had been deserted out of two years ago, leaders of the "I want to assure his friends through- by her crew, which was picked up by the Waist and Dressmakers' unions announced in the convention.

> bridge, focated amidships, had been workers. gerous list to starboard. and the Castle Eden standing by. The Badger followed later. Coming in, the Texas met the revenue cutter Onondaga and a Merritt-Chapman wrecking tug speeding to the aid of the burning vessel. Later a message, supposedly from the Onondaga, reported that the Castle Eden had gotten a line to the Consuls and was towing her toward the Virginia While everything combustible was

a total loss, Capt. Thomle said that the but 320 of the 800 factories now in operahull of the ship could have been saved with the proper fire fighting facilities, and it is believed that the wrecking tug and revenue cutter accomplished this.

Two Men Shot Down in Street. MONTICELLO, Ky., February 3 .- John E. Worley was shot and killed and his nephew, Cater Worley, was fatally wounded on the streets here today. Dr. John Clark and his son, James Clark, have been arrested charged with having done George Holmes, Lord Bishop of Athabasca, the shooting. It was said Clark became Canada, died here today from internal incensed when he learned his daughters hemorrhage. He had been Bishop of Ath-

MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN Fight Over Design Is Regarded

as Sure to Be Carried to Congress.

The Potomac Park site for the great \$2,000,000 memorial to Abraham Lincoln has been decided upon. The decision

tion, and overwork are the causes which of cotton from Galveston bound to to the memorial to go upon the site. have made a complete rest necessary for Hamburg, tonight is being towed with That is to be settled at a future meeting plans under consideration, those of Robert Bacon of New York and Mr. Pope. in the congressional districts of Kansas, The plans of these artists are at the which he helped to turn democratic, and National Museum. The Potomac Park site selected by the as he is certain to do February 20, and forty treaties, similar language has incommission is directly west of the Wash- two days later secures the Oklahoma delington Monument and in the most conspicuous place in the park. The opinion was practically unanimous that the site ward." will be a most desirable one. Other sites were considered, but this one has been most favored from the beginning. The fight over the memorial to be erected will be carried to Congress, no matter what the decision, and there may

be a fight over the site.

and Dressmakers' **Unions Charge Bad Faith** and Will Strike.

this evening that they would call a Capt. Thomle said that the cabin and strike tomorrow which will involve 35,000

burned away and collapsed, and that Negotiations for a settlement of the tion, having remained in Washington dur- flames were shooting out of No. 1 hatch grievances have been in progress for ing the entire summer working from and from the engine room, thirty feet in several weeks, but without result. Actwelve to eighteen hours a day. No man the air. The only places the fire ap- cording to the workers, conditions were peared not to have spread to was the bow improved after the strike of two years and stein, and the steamer had a dan- ago, but the employers have gradually cut wages to below the amounts named the Texas changed its course for this in the agreement and added to the workport, leaving the British steamer Badger, which had come up in the meantime, week is in force instead of fifty-two. Not Adequate Compensation.

> The leaders say the girls, who make up 00 per cent of the workers, are making increase are the principal demands. The leaders also declare that the workburned and her cargo probably will be ing conditions are unsatisfactory in all tion. These factories are insanitary, foul-smelling and poorly lighted and ventilated, and among them are several fire traps equally as bad as the Triangle factory in the burning of which 151 girls

> > If the formal declaration is promul-

gated tomorrow the first of the will go out Monday morning. Rt. Rev. George Holmes Dead. LONDON, February 3.-The Rt. Rev. were acquainted with the Worleys. Both abasca and acting Bishop of Mackinzie and when it was put to a vote the ex-

lost their lives.

WILL BOOM HARMON SAME TERMS TO ALL

Here to Aid Ohioan.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR COMING NATIONS TO PAY TOLLS

Work to Begin in Chicago for House Committee Opposed to Ex-Champ Clark.

TAFT WINS IN COOK COUNTY

Effort to Indorse Roosevelt Defeated. Carnegie Declines to Address Roosevelt Meeting.

Formal steps were taken by the Ohio democratic delegation in Congress at a meeting here last night toward the opening of Harmon headquarters in Washington, and it was announced that uninterrupted work on the Harmon boom will be continued from this central bureau until the Baltimore convention determines apon the candidacy for the Presidency on the democratic ticket. The headquarters will be established in the Ebbitt louse, and Lieut. Gov. Hugh L. Nichols of Ohio will reach this city tomorrow to lay out the preliminary work. Former Representative Robert Gordon will be in charge of headquarters, and Charles Cotterill will be secretary. Harmony was the prevailing note of

Statement Issued Last Night.

In a statement issued after the meetwas unanimous in resenting the charges | follows: which have been made and sent broadcast over the country that Gov. Harmon ment that the representation of sixteen Gov. Harmon were made prior to the last election and that his re-election over 100,000 majority answered the charges fully as to where he lies in the hearts of his people. Further proof of this, it was pointed out, was to be found in the result of the recent municipal elections in Ohio and the election of

tional convention, which clearly demon-strates that he still holds his full strength with the people of Ohio. TO BEGIN WORK FOR CLARK.

a democratic majority to the constitu-

Headquarters for Supporters of the Speaker Opened in Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 3.-E. E. Campbell of Alton was in Chicago today and closed a contract with the Hotel Sherman for rooms on the parlor floor, where he will open headquarters for Champ Clark. He has called a meeting of the Champ Clark nen for next week. Down-state editors and leaders will come to Chicago and an Daily Times and came from Missouri, where he conducted a newspaper in Speaker Clark's district for thirteen

years. He said

"Speaker Clark occupies the most important position filled by any democrat since Cleveland's time. As a part of his efforts, which converted a democratic was reached yesterday afternoon at a last Illinois democratic state convention. meeting of the Lincoln memorial com- Predictions he there made have since come true. He is strong and has been strong in the east as well as in the west for many years, as is shown by the fact Ilinois in every campaign and is personally known to more democrats in Illinois than any other candidate for the democratic nomination. He has been indorsed which he helped to turn democratic, and as to conditions or charges for traffic when he carries Missouri triumphantly, egation, we confidently expect his presi-

TAFT WINS IN COOK COUNTY.

Effort to Indorse Roosevelt Defeated

dential stock to take a strong shoot up-

by Big Majority. CHICAGO, February 3.-An effort to indorse Theodore Roosevelt for the re- have advocated that a free canal should publican presidential nomination was defeated, while a resolution commending President Taft and his administration of operation, maintenance, regulation and was adopted at the Cook county (Chi- protection, including interest on the incago) republican convention today. Gov. vestment, will be approximately \$28,000,-

nomination for a third term, and his ad-ministration was commended. The session was marked by loud cheering when the indorsement of Col. Roosevelt was proposed, but on roll call the proposition was defeated by 864 to 198.

The Taft resolution read: "We heartily indorse and approve President Taft's such donation. On the contrary, every course in firmly seeking to carry into effect by wise legislation the reforms to All the Chicago wards and the county towns in Cook county were represented

CARNEGIE FOR TAFT.

Declares It Would Be Unfair Not

to Give Him a Second Term. NEW YORK, February 3.-Andrew Carnegie declined today an invitation by telegraph to address the Roosevelt supporter of President Taft.

Perry, temporary chairman of the Okla- bably 10 per cent of the saving of the homa organization, reads: "Thanks for your invitation to address the Roosevelt state mass convention, from \$7 to \$8, and the men \$10. This is Oklahoma. I beg to say that I am an not considered a living wage. A fifty- out and out supporter of my friend two-hour week and a 25 per cent wage Roosevelt's chosen favorite for the presidency, who has so fully justified the encomiums he lavished upon him. It could not reduce the price to the conwould be unfair not to give President Taft a second term, and I cannot believe ex-President Roosevelt is not of this opinion. After President Taft has served two terms it will be time enough to propose a successor

"ANDREW CARNEGIE."

Victory for Roosevelt Supporters. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., February 3 .-Supporters of Theodore Roosevelt won in tion that will select delegates to the national republican convention. Col.

Headquarters to Be Opened No Free Passage of Ships Through the Panama Canal.

cepting United States Shipping.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS' VIEWS

Representative Stevens Outlines Probable Policy in Governing Waterway and Canal Zone.

Panama canal legislation is considered one of the biggest questions that must be passed upon at the present session of Congress, consequently many attempts have been made of late to get a line on the attitude of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, of which Representative Adamson of Georgia is chairman, and which has been holding extensive hearings on the question. The first authentic statement of the committee's position on this problem was obtained last night from Representative Stevens of Minnesota, the leading republican member of the body.

It appears from Mr. Stevens' statement that the committee is opposed to the free passage of American shipping through the meeting last night. Senator Atlee the canal, even to the rebating proposi-Pomerene presided and every one presented by President Taft, and be-lieves that the vessels of all nations should be treated alike. Mr. Stevens also should be treated alike. Mr. Stevens also expresses the committee's opposition to the plan of populating the Canal Zone. His statement, which covers all the points ng, it was declared that the conference at issue in an illuminative way, is as "Hearings on Panama canal legislation

have just closed before the House commerce, and next week the committee will hear Secretary of War Stimson and Col. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian largely due to the fact that he was canal commission and chief engineer in strong enough as a progressive executive charge of construction, and then there to help put them there, and that all the will be the final preparation of the bill charges that had been made against and it is hoped that it may be reported during the week following.

Three Questions Before Committee.

"There are three important questions of controversy before the committee. First, as to the form of government; second, as to free tolls for our coastwise ships, and third, whether the United States should own and operate its ships for carrying coal and supplies and for use as merchant

"The consensus of opinion is that the present form of government for the Canal Zone should be substantially continued that is, there should be but one responsible head, who should have charge over the operation of the canal and the government of the territory, which should practically be denuded of settlers. This is opposed by many who desire to have an ideal republic on a small scale to po late the zone, and to encourage settlers in that territory to furnish fresh supplies for shipping. The chances are the form Goethals, for one responsible head with the country vacant, will be adopted by

the committee "The reason for it is that the land is not suitable for good cultivation, and that the cost and risk would far exceed been urged strongly that free tolls would United States, afford supplies and vessels for the use of the military and navy de-partments, cheapen freights and so de-velop resources and help the consumers

An Opposition View.

"Opposed to this view, primarially, must be the construction of treaties between agreed that the vessels of commerce and war of all nations should receive terms During the past century, in more than variably included the United States coas has been intended to except the coast wise trade words to that effect have invariably been employed. More than that, in the consideration and ratification of the very canal treaty such a clause was expressly rejected. So if coastwise ships secure free tolls the other nations would have a right to claim exemption for their ships also under such treaties. and thus prevent the collection of any tolls for use of the great project. Many be the policy of the United States.
"The canal will cost, when completed

and fortified, about \$400,000,000. The cost Charles S. Deneen was indorsed for 000 per annum, and to maintain communicost indirectly \$40,000,000 per annum. ury should be donated to the world. The world's commerce does not seek or need it. This would not require a rate of tolls which would be at all burdensome to traffic, drive away any commerce from the canal or prevent any development of commerce or revenue in the United States. The rate would be about \$1 per net ton at first, which would be about 40 to 60 cents per cargo ton, or 2 or 3 cents per hundred pounds, railroad

Reduction of Freight Rates.

"It is also estimated that the canal will reduce the average freight rates between state mass convention at Oklahoma City the two coasts between 25 and 50 per next Saturday. In his reply Mr. Car-cent; and some plan even greater renegie declared he was an out and out ductions, and the tolls would be about 5 per cent of the freight rate and pro-

canal

"Nobody has testified so far that this slight sum would cause the construction of one single vessel for the merchant marine and would only be one slight factor in its upbuilding. This small sum sumer on either coast, and certa nly would not affect the market prices in the interior of the country. This small toll would be practically absorbed by the vessel owners and the immediate shippers benefited, and the freight burden would not reach the consumer at all. Only one witness thought that there might be a reduction of 25 cents per thousand feet on lumber in New York from the Pacific

coast on this account. "It became evident in the testimony a contest in the Knox county republican that the real basis for the struggle for executive committee today by a vote of free tolls was the contest between the 153 to 51 when President Taft's friends mercantile and industrial interests of the proposed to have a mass convention to two coasts against those of the Mississip hoose delegates to the state conven- pi valley for the rich trade of the intermountain and surrounding territory. The lower the freight rate through the canal, Roosevelt's supporters favored a primary the farther could be the interests of the coasts extend their trade into the interior and proportionally diminish the bu